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Patriot Resource Conservation and Development Area assists residents and groups solve problems related to natural resources at the local level.

Patriot RC&D promotes environmental enhancement, natural resource protection and sustainable community development.

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Program Sponsors

- ◆ Charles River Watershed Association
- ◆ Mass. Department of Agricultural Resources
- ◆ Montachusett Regional Planning Commission
- ◆ Norfolk County Farm Bureau
- ◆ Essex Conservation District
- ◆ Mass. Urban & Community Forestry Program
- ◆ Middlesex Conservation District
- ◆ SuAsCo Watershed Community Council
- ◆ Merrimack River Watershed Council
- ◆ Mass. Coastal Zone Management Office
- ◆ Norfolk County Conservation District
- ◆ Suffolk County Conservation District

What is Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D)?

RC&D is a program of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The program, administered by USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (www.nrcs.usda.gov), was created in 1962 and is based on the assumption that local citizens – through RC&D Councils – with help provided through the USDA, can develop and carry out an action-oriented plan for the economic, social and environmental enrichment of their communities.

The RC&D program promotes conservation, development, and use of natural resources to improve economic activity, and to enhance the environment and standard of living in all communities. The program's aim is to provide a system for rural development, encourage the wise use of natural resources, and improve the quality of life.

The National Association of Resource Conservation & Development Councils (www.rcdnet.org) was established in 1988 to represent America's 368 local Resource Conservation & Development councils. Local councils deliver coordinated resource conservation and development assistance throughout rural America.

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service is an equal opportunity employer.

Patriot RC&D Area



Serving Middlesex,
Essex, Norfolk and
Suffolk counties

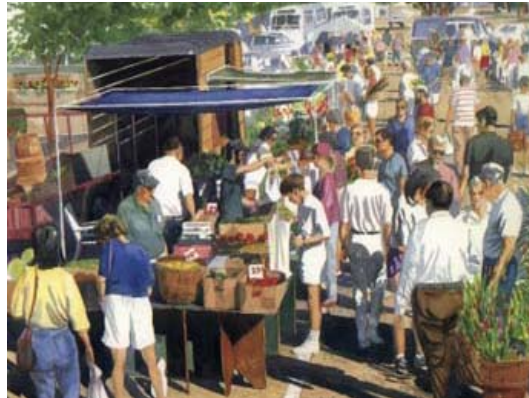
Why join an RC&D program?

- ◆ Work to improve the local economy and the local environment
- ◆ Promote sustainable community development
- ◆ Leverage federal dollars with private funds to accomplish goals
- ◆ Participate in a locally-based, locally-run program, supported with federal funds and technical assistance
- ◆ Work with individuals and organizations that have similar concerns and missions
- ◆ Gain access to people and organizations that are knowledgeable about natural resources conservation



Natural Resource Issues

- ◆ Water quality protection
- ◆ NPDES Phase II
- ◆ Water supply protection
- ◆ Urban sprawl
- ◆ Economic development
- ◆ Tourism
- ◆ Agriculture/aquaculture
- ◆ Sustainable development
- ◆ Conservation and quality of life
- ◆ Local capacity building
- ◆ Soil/water conservation



What can RC&D do?

- ◆ Find technical assistance
- ◆ Help write grants
- ◆ Make connections
- ◆ Training, outreach and education
- ◆ Help set up non-profit corporations
- ◆ Run programs
- ◆ Help build partnerships

Vital Statistics for the Patriot RC&D Area

4 Counties	1.14 million acres
Agricultural Land	66,100 acres
Forest Land	448,000 acres
Developed Land	497,000 acres
Wetland and Water	128,900 acres
1999 Population	3,400,000
Land Area	22.7% of the state
Population	55.3% of the state
Coastal Communities	29
Inland Communities	91
River Basins	11
Hundreds of miles of shoreline	

